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REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4-7, and 17 have been canceled. New claims 18-33 have been added.

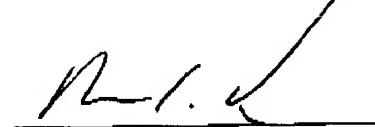
Claims 3, 8-16, and 18-33 are now pending in this application. Claims 3, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, and 15 have been amended. Specifically, claims 9-11 have been placed in independent form, claims 3 and 8 have been amended to depend from claim 9, and claims 14 and 15 have been amended to depend from claim 3. New claims 18-33, corresponding to claims 3, 8, 14, and 15 have been added. No new matter has been introduced.

In addition to the election of Group I, applicants elect species 1, directed to the embodiment of Figs. 1-7. At least claims 9-13 are believed to read on the elected species. Claims 9-13 are also believed to be generic to the all of the illustrated species.

Applicants look forward to receiving an early office action on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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